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Lead Safety Meeting:

On Wednesday January 19, 2000 a lead safety meeting was held. The introduction was by Ms. Lea McReynolds of Newark Beth Israel Hospital, Ms. McReynolds then passed the meeting on to American Civil Liberties Union Foundation's (ACLUF) representative's Mr. JC Salyer and Mr. Olivier Sylvain. The (ACLUF) representative's informed us of the lead screening law being in existence for a period of two years, as well as giving a brief history on what the ACLUF is all about.

THE ACLUF'S HISTORY AND LEAD SAFETY CONCERNS:

The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation focuses on lead screening for children under the age of 6 who are enrolled in Medicaid (the required screening ages are 12 and 24 months). The potential candidates of lead positioning are children under the age of six who have not received a lead safety screening test, or children who have received a lead blood test. The ACLUF also finds it very important to contact children who's family are on welfare and children who has received a blood lead test, an elevated level was detected but has not received any follow up treatment. Lead infected children tend to be misdiagnosed with behavioral problems.

OLDER CHILDREN AND LEAD SAFETY:

Children older than age 6 also can be good plaintiffs if they have never been screened for lead and are in a high risk category. The fact is that 2000 or more lead infected cases are detected a year in the state of New Jersey alone. Health and Human Services are to make sure obligations are forfield.

The State of Mazuri put in a suite against the HMO's lack of care expected, and consideration is in process for New Jersey taking that same action. Torcilli a big supporter of lead safety has contacted Councilman Cory Booker's office in pursuit of action for lead safety. In conclusion lead safety is a concern of us all.

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